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Assignee: VERITAS Operating Corporation
Title: METHOD AND SYSTEM OF PROVIDING CASCADED REPLICATION
Application No.: 10/652,326
Examiner: Khanh B. Pham
Filed: August 29, 2003
Group Art Unit: 2166
Docket No.: VRT0098US

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard
- (2) This Transmittal Letter [1 page, in duplicate]
- (3) Request for Continued Examination (RCE) [1 page, in duplicate]
- (4) Amendment and Remarks Accompanying RCE [12 pages]
- (5) Replacement Sheet of Drawing: Figure 1 (1 sheet)



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**AMENDMENT AND REMARKS ACCOMPANYING
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Sir:

This paper and the accompanying Request for Continued Examination (RCE) are being submitted in response to the Final Office Action dated October 19, 2006, having a shortened statutory period set to expire on January 19, 2007. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

No Amendments to the Specification are presented in this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on **page 9** of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on **page 8** of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks begin on **page 9** of this paper.

An **Appendix** including the replacement drawing figure is attached following **page 12** of this paper.